



Brisbane Bushwalkers

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Brisbane Bushwalkers Newsletter

January 2023

Happy New Year to all BBW members. May 2023 be full of exploration, enjoyment and adventure. This is a significant year for the club in that it marks 75 years of bushwalking together. The BBW75 Anniversary Committee has arranged a plethora of base camps, through and day walks and social activities to celebrate this milestone.

Registrar

The Committee is pleased to announce that Jenny Staib will be taking over as new Registrar, with Diane Van as back-up. We wish to extend our thanks to Anna Bransden for many years of diligent work.

Technology Officer

Keith Miller has decided to step back from the role of Technology Officer, for personal reasons. A big thank you to Keith for his advice to the Committee and his also Tech contribution to the club. Michael Rosenberg has agreed to take on

the role.

Website Upgrade

A Technology sub-Committee, comprising Michael Rosenberg, Nick Brooking, Henny Shone, Paul Colquist, Peter Croll, Ashleigh Leask, Peter Jackson and myself, has been convened to guide the Management Committee through the website upgrade. They are in the process of collecting information, and defining and reviewing the functions of the website.

Gerry Burton

President

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[View the Activities Calendar](#)



Mt Beerwah, Shell rock area - Matt D

Meeting Calendar

8 February

Snowshoeing with the Slushpuppies- A week in Kosciusko National Park

8 February

Secondhand Gear night

8 March

Healthy feet for bushwalkers- by Professor Debbie Turner from QUT School of Podiatry

22 March

New members sign-on and Club business meeting

12 April

The Grampians Peak Trail, Victoria by Cath Carkeet

26 April

New members sign-on and Club business meeting

Presentation meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month commencing at 7:40 pm, with refreshments served. The club accepts new member applications on the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you have recently been on a walk and would like to share your photos and the experience please contact vicepresident@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Lakes District - David Muncaster

Track Closures

D`Aguilar National Park

The Head Road over Teviot Range is currently closed from about 5 km before the junction with Carneys Creek Road. This affects access to sections of the Main Range NP. Southern access to the following locations will be affected- Lizard South remote bush camp and at Mount Superbus, both North and South Peak remote bush camps

Lamington Binna Burra section

The following Bush camping sites reopen on the 01/02/2023 (with the exception of Illinbah bush camp site and Darlington remote bush camp site).

Mount Bithongabel bush camp

Echo Point bush camp site

Point Lookout reopens Feb 1
Rat-a-tat remove reopens Feb 1
Stinson remote reopens Feb 1
Lost World - Saddle reopens Feb 1
Lost World- Creek reopens Feb 1
Running Creek reopens Feb 1

Tamborine NP

Joalah Lower Creek Circuit closed due to heavy rainfall until 03/03/2023

Springbrook

Purling Brook circuit and the Warringa Pool Track closed until 31/03/2023
Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk - the closure applies to the Springbrook section between Apple Tree Park and Purling Brook Falls/Settlement camping area (due to closure of Purling Brook Falls circuit)

Wollumbin NP (formally Mt Warning NP)

Remains closed -future management of the park guided by Aboriginal custodians.

Enoggera Reservoir

Be aware of nesting eel tail catfish - They may become aggressive in shallow water including the designated swimming area.

Leaders should check the NP website for alerts.

<https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts>

<https://www.seqwater.com.au/recreation-and-safety-notices>



K2 Offer

The Club would like to advise that [K2 Basecamp Gear](#) (Fortitude Valley) is offering an exclusive discount to BBW members of **10% discount on all online purchases**. Don't forget that K2 also offers 20% discount during the special bi-yearly K2 / BBW Club gear nights. When purchasing gear online use the code BBWVIP.

Negotiations are currently underway to arrange a **K2 / BBW gear fortnight**. Club members will have access to a special code during this time to receive 20% discount. When finalised information will be advertised on the club website and calendar.



Lowe Portals- Linda McPhee

BBW75 Platinum Boot Weekends

STOP PRESS: The cat is out of the bag, or should I say the foot is out of the boot! All participants at a BBW75 Platinum Boot Weekend will receive a BBW75 Platinum Boot Pin, AND the member with the most boot pins come September will receive the much-coveted Platinum Boot Award.

Report on the #1 Mt Glorious Platinum Boot weekend

The BBW75 year has commenced with our first event, the BBW75 Platinum Boot weekend at Mt Glorious.

25 walkers arrived Friday afternoon and settled in with the group of through walkers setting up and testing gear ready to spend Saturday night at Middle Kobble bush campsite. A few showers on arrival at Mt Glorious caused some concern but the weather cleared before dark. It was just cool enough for a campfire where many tall tales and truths

were exchanged until way after dark. Saturday arrived bright and sunny, heralded in by the mellow sounds of the cat birds. As the through walkers departed to spend the night under canvas or more correctly synthetic fibre, for the first time in the wild our new members arrived for an induction and for five of them, their first base camp experience. After a day walking in D'Aguilar NP a sizzling barbecue was enjoyed by all, followed by another evening around the campfire.

Special thanks to the walk leaders:

Steve – Middle Kobble Creek TW,

Mark – Northbrook Gorge,

Nick – Cabbage Tree Creek,

Michelle – Piper Comanche,

Dwan – NMI,

Mark again – Morella Track (Sunday)

2000-2010 Green Mountain 24-26 February (FULL)

1990-2000 Boonoo Boonoo 24-26 March (FULL)

This Base Camp begins at the Cypress Pines campground located just inside the NSW border. A Boonoo Boonoo NP (pronounced Bunna Bunoo) base camp and through walk was led by Manfred Vijars in February 1994

[Watch for nominations here](#)

1980-1990 Gibraltar/Washpool 28 April -1 May

[Mulligans campground](#) is the location of this base camp, located in the Northern Tablelands of NSW. A Gibraltar Washpool base camp and through walk was led by John Vaughan and Russell Fraser in April 1982. The

[Watch for nominations here](#)

1980 Christmas Creek 26-28 May

A Christmas Creek base camp and through walk was led by Narelle

Rutherford and Ian Cowan in June 1972. The location of this base camp will be the Stinson Memorial Park. This base camp will incorporate a New Members Induction.

[Watch for nominations here](#)



A sense of achievement we can all recognise - the summit Mt Triglav, Slovenia

Safety and Training

New Members Induction - January 29

Mt Coot-tha The New Member Induction is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club.

Beginners Abseil Training - February 4

Kangaroo Point Rotunda- This day is for absolute beginners, with all abseil gear supplied

Advanced Abseil Training - February 6-10

This is a 5 day training course in vertical rescue. A minimum of 4 people are required for this course and a fee applies. Please see [here](#) for more details.

Throughwalk Gear and Knowledge Development - February 11

This session is aimed at members wishing to learn what gear is required to take on a Through walk. Explanations of terminology used and what is acceptable through walking practice will also be discussed, along with tips and tricks specific to through walking gear.

New Members Induction - February 18

Clear Mountain Conservation Park.

New Members Induction, BBW75 Base Camp - February 25

Green Mountain.O'Reilly's

Leader Training Base Camp Mt Glorious - March 4-5

This weekend is for full members interested in becoming leaders for the club and who will have completed 15 walks by March..

Remote First Aid Training - March 11-12

This training is a certified remote first aid course conducted by Qld Ambulance. The course is aimed at leaders and members in the club

who want expanded first aid techniques and knowledge.

Activities calendar



The slog up to the Cougals - Cath Carkeet

Celebrating 25 years of the Bibulmun track

The Bibulmun track is now 25 years old. In order to celebrate this milestone, Friends of the Bibulmun have planned a number of social events along the track. Applications for sectional walkers opens this month, and closes in June. To read more about the 25 Anniversary Celebrations click [here](#)



Valley in the Swiss Alps - David Muncaster

Tweed Byron Hinterland Trail

The 38 km, 4 day Tweed Byron Hinterland Trail is due for completion in 2023. This walk commences at Mount Jerusalem National Park and concludes at Minyon Falls in Nightcap National Park. More information is available from the [NSW Department of Planning and Environment](#)



Mark Houghton, he's the man, Eagles Nest - Linda McPhee

Volunteering opportunities with the QPWS

For any Club members interested in volunteering with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, there are a number of projects on offer. These projects are based from the tip of Cape York to local areas in south east Queensland.

Positions are available for both flora and fauna projects and range from campground hosts, natural area volunteers, grey nurse shark watch teams and marine animal stranding response teams. [Volunteering opportunities.](#)



BBW75 logo - Linda McPhee

BBW75 Publication Booklet

Work is currently underway on producing the 75th Publication booklet. The editors are keen to include a spread of images from the Platinum Boot camp weekends to reflect where BBW is 75 years on. This is a call out to the keen photographers (and not so keen) amongst us, attending these weekends- please take lots of photos of the activities being held to forward to the Club. Photos should be uploaded, full-size, to the activity or be emailed directly to [Linda McPhee](#)



Goomburra - Linda McPhee

Why bushwalkers need clean boots

A recent [ABC article](#) documents the need to arrive and leave the bush with clean boots as a way of combating the spread of Phytophthora dieback. This disease threatens entire groves of grass trees and banksias in a short space of time. These plants provide a habitat for a number of small animals such as potoroos and pygmy possums, the death of these plants reduces shelter options for these species, increasing their vulnerability to predators.

In order to reduce the spread of disease and pathogens when bushwalking, good practice dictates the following:

Clean footwear and equipment before you visit

Use boot-washing stations to clean footwear and equipment (such as walking poles) when going in and out of the forest

Avoid going off designated walking tracks, and do not enter areas affected by closures

Never assume anywhere is disease free

Keep a spare set of shoes and a cleaning kit in your vehicle

Purchase gear that is easy to clean.

If you come across [a boot washing station](#) that is not functioning properly please report this to [Queensland Parks and Forests](#).



Mt Greville abseil - Matt D

News from the Equipment Desk

As the 2023 season kicks off it is very pleasing to see an ever-increasing number of our women members wanting to develop skills in Through Walking. To this end, keep an eye out for Jim Jeavons' [Through-walking skills workshops](#) that are held a few times during the year. Nominations are accepted through the webpage.

It is of note that as a result of this there has also been an increased demand for hire of Club Gear for our women walkers. To respond to this, we have been purchasing some more women specific gear including women's sleeping pads and smaller through packs. [Bookings are necessary](#) to secure this and all club gear.

Some of these gear options are linked below.

[Ariel 65 Women's Backpacking Pack](#)

[Exped SynMat 7 Review | Tested by GearLab \(outdoorgearlab.com\)](#)

We are also looking at purchasing some updated sleeping pad versions like this below.

[Ultra 5R - Mat | Exped](#)

Bookings

Bookings for gear is essential, in addition if you have any questions about gear please [email](#) the Equipment Officer, Steve Cockburn

Hire Costs are:

For Club walks - \$10 for entire kit of pack, tent, stove and pots and sleeping mat

For non-club walks _ \$10 per item

We hire from meeting-to-meeting periods (2nd and 4th Weds of the month at Hall from 730pm) but flexible if walk period does not match.

If you have any gear suggestions for possible club purchases.

I'd love to get you feedback at: equipment@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Northbrook Gorge from the Gravel Pit- Linda McPhee

Membership renewals due in February

Members are reminded that membership fees of \$40.00 fall due on 28th February 2023. There are a lot of fees to process in January and February, so please try and make renewal payments early. **Unfinancial members may not take part in BBW activities.** When making the payment, please put your **surname & initial** as reference. (See below) There is no need to email the Registrar informing them of payment.

Please make your payment to:

BSB: 124-021

Account: [1041-4419](#)

Account Name: Brisbane Bushwalkers Club

Reference: Your Surname & Initial eg SMITH M

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